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LIFE CIBBRiNA follow-up

*Coordinated Development and **I**mplementation of **B**est Practice in **B**ycatch **R**eduction in the **N**orth **A**tlantic, Baltic and Mediterranean regions*

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How it all started

- Initial thoughts for this project were:
 - More international collaboration
 - Involve fishers from the start
 - Don't duplicate efforts but work complementarily to other projects
- Developments within EU but also US MMPA
- OSPAR/HELCOM/ASCOBANS workshop September 2019



Electronic monitoring of incidental bycatch of harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) in the Dutch bottom set gillnet fishery (September 2013 to March 2017)

Author(s): Mieke Scheidel, Bram Couperus, Marije Siemmons

Wageningen University & Research report C152/18



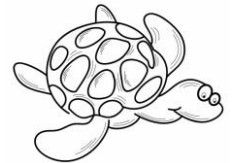
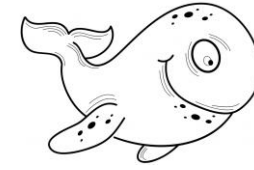
Objectives

- To work together with fishers, authorities and other relevant stakeholders to minimise - and, where possible, eliminate incidental bycatch of priority Endangered, Threatened and Protected (ETP) marine species.
- This will be done by optimising, developing and evaluating proven and promising mitigation methods as well as support tools and processes, such as monitoring and assessment, and working to ensure their long-term implementation.



Scope

- **Multi species** level (priority marine mammals, birds, turtles and elasmobranchs)
- Focus on **high risk fisheries** (gillnets, longlines, bottom and pelagic trawls)
- Regional scope **NEA/Baltic and Med**, however, linkages with Black Sea projects are recommended





Participation

- Regional representation depending on commitment, at least per country:
 - Fisheries/environment dept
 - Scientific expert
 - Fishers / fisheries industry representatives
- IGO's and NGO's





Process

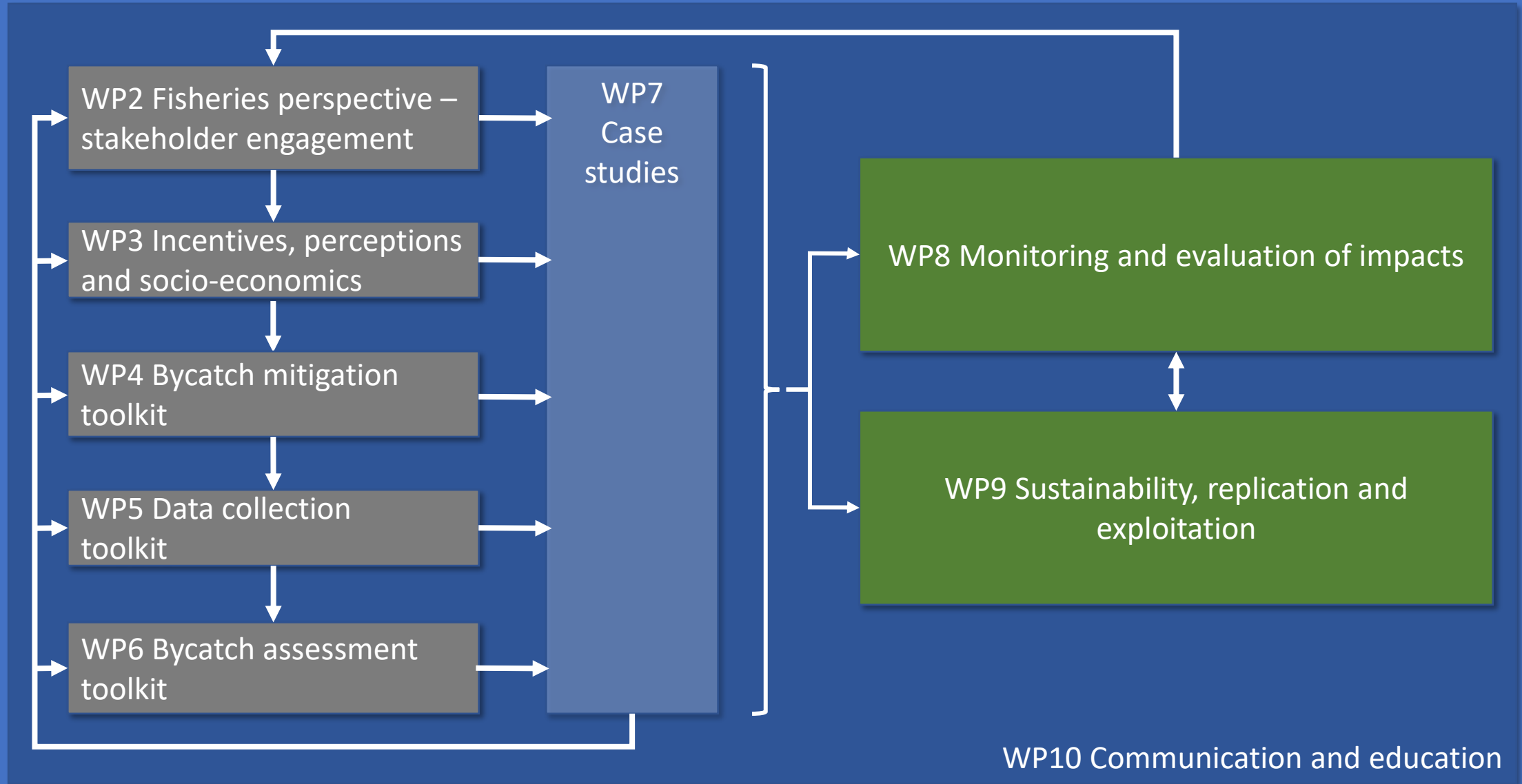
- First submission 30 November 2021
- Evaluation May 2022:
 - Impact/ case studies not sufficiently described
 - Budget considered excessive
 - Effectiveness not demonstrated sufficiently
- Decision to resubmit
- Budget 'ceiling' per WP
- WP leads mandate to cut budgets/ tasks
- Resubmission 4 October 2022
- HORIZON 2023-2024 WP specific topic "Understanding and reducing bycatch of protected species"
- Deadline 28 March 2023



Main changes

- Main focus on mitigation of bycatch
 - Promising/proven methods
 - Less on general bycatch monitoring/assessment or species behaviour
- Separate WP for case studies
 - Case studies bundled by gear-type
 - Most WPs relate to the case studies
 - Case studies focus on high priority species
- Reduction in overall budget (24M -> 12.5M)

WP1 Project management





Case study	Case study name	Subcase study	Subcase study name
T7.1	Gillnets	T7.1.a	Gillnets north
T7.1	Gillnets	T7.1.b	Gillnets south
T7.1	Gillnets	T7.1.c	Gillnets in UK waters
T7.2	Longlines	T7.2.a	Deepwater longlines Portugal, Azores, Madeira
T7.2	Longlines	T7.2.b	Surface longlines Madeira
T7.2	Longlines	T7.2.c	Longlines in UK waters
T7.3	Pelagic trawl	T7.3	Pelagic trawl
T7.4	Bottom trawl	T7.4.a	North Sea and eastern channel bottom trawls





Consortium

- 35 beneficiary partners / 10 Associated partners
- Partnerships fisheries/ govt/ science/ NGO's from:
 - BE, DE, DK, ES, FR, IS, IR, NL, NO, POL, POR, SW, UK
- ICES, IWC
- Stakeholder Advisory Board: 26 organisations
- Among which 5 AC's, OSPAR, HELCOM, ASCOBANS, EAPO, EFCA, Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE), NOAA, several NGO's/ one gvt



Grant Agreement

- 14 March notification approval!
- Grant Agreement preparations
- 25 April deadline beneficiary partners Declaration of Honour
- GAP analysis process
- Discussion priority species (67%)
- Striving for July signing Grant Agreement and start project

September 1st